Modification of rules for the import of cars

*149. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have tightened the rules relating to the import of foreign cars;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether such modifications in rules will also be applicable for import of foreign cars for V.I.P.s?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the revised policy, only those Indian nationals returning to India for permanent settlement, are entitled for import of a vehicle, who have stayed abroad continuousy atleast for a period of two years and the vehicle has been in their use atleast for a period of one year prior to return to India.

(c) There are no separate rules for import of foreign cars for V.I.Ps and the revised policy is applicable to all Indian nationals returning to India for permanent settlement.

Procurement of iron ore by MMTC from Orissa

*150. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of iron ore procured by the M.M.T.C. from its non-captive mines in Orissa during the Seventh Five Year period yearwise;

(b) whether there is a need to increase the offtake of iron ore from these mines for export; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by the M.M.T.C. in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The total quantum of iron ore procured by MMTC from Orissa and total exports from Paradip Port during the Seventh Five Year Plan is as under:

(Quantity in Lakh Tonnes)

Year	Procurement from Orissa	Exports from Paradip
1985-86 . . .	14.58	18.67
1986-87 . . .	20.25	20.79
1987-88 . . .	19.21	17.09
1988-89 . .	10.36	16.39
1989-90 . . . (upto January, '90)	8.96	17.33

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) MMTC grants assistance by way of production incentives to the mine owners to increase production and supplies of iron ore for export. A price increase of 15.5 has also been given by MMTC. The target of exports by MMTC from Paradip Port has been fixed at 19.90 lakh tonne for 1989-90.